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**PROPOSED: Biological Resources – Habitat Management – Management of Noxious, Non-native, and Invasive Plant Species**

- Inventory public lands to determine distribution of indigenous plant species and non-native species in the National Monument to assess protection and eradication needs, respectively.
- Develop and implement an action plan for eradicating noxious, non-native, and invasive plant and animal species as well as an action plan for reintroducing indigenous species. Manage existing native vegetation, in coordination with Tribes, Federal, State, and local agencies, experts, and local interest groups such as the Southern California Indian Basketweavers Organization (SCIBO) or NEX'WETEM, California Native Plant Society (CNPS), and the Andreas Canyon Club.
- Educate the public regarding non-native, invasive species in the National Monument, such as tamarisk and fountain grass, and their impacts to the environment.
- Prepare and distribute an annual report describing noxious, non-native, and invasive plant and animal treatments and accomplishments.

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**PROPOSED PLAN: Biological Resources – Management of Special Status Species**

- Work with partner agencies, Tribes, and volunteer groups to update existing inventories of plant and animal species occurrence and distribution to establish updated models for habitat and baseline conditions for monitoring.
- Coordinate Special Status Species management with CDFG, USFWS, researchers, and local jurisdictions to promote consistency, effectiveness and efficiency of recovery actions and monitoring activities.
- Encourage research projects designed to enhance management activities that facilitate recovery of sensitive species, including Federal and State listed species.
- Develop partnerships with entities such as CNPS for education and outreach.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Biological Resources – Monitoring Program**

- Continue to participate in development of an interagency monitoring program for the CVMSHCP including monitoring protocols, reporting, and database management. Continue to coordinate the implementation of the interagency monitoring program with CDFG, USFWS, local agencies and cities, researchers, universities, volunteer organizations and site stewards.
- Work with partner agencies and local governments to coordinate monitoring of Special Status Species for changes in population size, distribution and habitat use.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Cultural Resources – Research**

- Work with Tribes to identify significant prehistoric, historic and cultural events.
- Work with Tribes, partners, State and local agencies, and volunteer groups to develop an oral history program and to identify and interview members of the public and Native Americans who have knowledge of historic and prehistoric use of the National Monument.
- Encourage and facilitate archival research, including review of historic maps and documents.
- Develop and maintain a database for site management.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Cultural Resources - Inventory**

- Conduct a sample inventory within the National Monument each year.
- Complete an annual, intensive survey of one specific area identified through archival and ethnographic research as having a high potential to contain significant or threatened sites. Include inventory of existing roads and trails to identify sites that are being adversely impacted by public visitation and access.
- Record sites to current standards by including photos and sketch maps to document the overall site setting and condition, specific artifacts and features, and any damage whether due to natural or human causes.
- Assess integrity and cultural significance of sites and make site-specific management recommendations for avoidance, protection, or interpretation.
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**PROPOSED PLAN: Cultural Resources – Existing Cultural Conditions Assessment**

- Gather baseline condition data and identify threats to cultural resources through field inventory, review of existing site forms, and consultation with Tribes and members of the public. Solicit input on resource conditions from BLM and Forest Service staff in all disciplines. Determine areas that are vulnerable to specific types of threats. Example: areas adjacent to trails may be most vulnerable to impacts from increased visitation while other areas may be vulnerable to erosion or other natural processes.
- Develop and implement a monitoring program that includes a schedule for monitoring threatened sites, vulnerable areas, and resources along trails. Monitor at least five sites and five miles of trails each year. Develop, implement and maintain a site stewardship program. Provide stewardship training to members of the public and Tribes, as identified during the public scoping process and through consultation.
- Track changes over time in the condition of specific resources. Define key indicators of change.
- Make recommendations for avoidance and mitigation of adverse impacts to significant cultural resources.
- Seek partnerships with Tribes, agencies, and volunteers to accomplish the above.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Cultural Resources – Protection and Preservation**

- Develop a prioritized list of site-specific protection and preservation needs prior to the end of each fiscal year, in preparation for out-year planning and budgeting.
- Implement at least two protection or preservation projects each year.
- Identify and interpret “magnet” sites to attract visitors and satisfy their desire to experience the history and prehistory of the area. Prepare at least one historic and one prehistoric archaeological site for this type of visitor usage.
- Propose trail management actions, subject to NEPA, to protect sensitive resources.
- Develop a collection policy. Identify the types of artifacts to be collected and define what circumstances warrant removing an artifact from its original location.
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- Develop curation agreements with museums meeting Federal standards for curation and preservation of materials. Native American museums meeting these standards shall be given preference for curation of Native American artifacts.

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**PROPOSED PLAN: Cultural Resources – Interpretation and Education**

- Develop a program for public interpretation, education and environmental awareness for the National Monument, wherein cultural and ethnographic resources are addressed with other resources.
- Involve interested Tribes in development of interpretive programs (reviewing interpretive materials and programs, providing input, etc.).
- Design and make available to the public educational brochures, pamphlets, monographs, web pages and other works of a popular and technical nature, emphasizing the relevance, fragility and other values of cultural and historic resources.
- Provide information regarding historical use of the National Monument, including ranching, mining, and recreation.
- Work with the Cahuilla Indian leadership, elders, and traditional practitioners to establish a mock village site to educate the public and provide an opportunity for sharing how the Cahuilla lived, gathered and prepared food, and created traditional materials such as basketry and pottery.
- Develop a program of guided hikes and interpretive programs that utilize Tribal members as interpreters, guides and storytellers.
- Develop programs in cooperation with and support of established Cahuilla cultural events and institutions such as the annual agave harvest and tasting sponsored by the Malki Museum.
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- Incorporate data from a condition assessment analysis that identifies the existing condition of known cultural resources and areas vulnerable to vandalism, overuse, or damage from natural processes.
- Develop a system for tracking changes in the condition of resources and develop Strategies for intervention. This information, and future information, would allow managers to further identify potential resource threats and respond effectively to minimize impacts of human use and natural processes upon resources.
- Identify current and anticipated preservation and restoration needs.
- Prepare a historic context for the National Monument area and develop research themes to guide research efforts.
- Establish a mechanism, such as cultural resources working groups, to provide for on-going public participation and input into cultural resources management.
- Develop a Strategy to facilitate research of cultural resources within the National Monument. Encourage the use of a multi-disciplinary approach to clarify the associations between natural and cultural resources in the cultural landscape.
- Develop a Strategy that defines the purpose, extent, and uses of National Monument museum collections and provides a consistent approach among the partners to manage archeological artifacts, archival materials, museum objects, and natural resources specimens.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Cultural Resources – Access to Traditional Material Collecting and Gathering Locations and Ceremonial Sites**

- Develop a policy to provide for Tribal member access to gather traditional materials.
- Distribute BLM and Forest Service plant collection policy information to Tribes. Facilitate issuance of any necessary permits.
- In partnership with the Tribes and Cahuilla traditional practitioners, develop a process for monitoring the effects of traditional collecting and gathering.
- Using monitoring results, develop adaptive management programs jointly with local practitioners to manage traditional botanical resources.
- Restrict sensitive information concerning the location of ceremonial sites. Ensure protection and confidentiality of cultural information such as locations of sacred sites and traditional use areas.
- Provide for Native American access to ceremonial and religious sites to the extent practicable, permitted by law, and not clearly inconsistent with essential agency functions.
- Coordinate landscape restoration activities to ensure the reintroduction and restoration of native species that have cultural importance.

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**PROPOSED PLAN: Cultural Resources – Native American Coordination and Consultation**

- Focus collaboration on identifying concerns and resolving differences in a manner that respects the cultural traditions of the Tribes.
- Provide the Tribes the opportunity to aid in resolving conflicts where their traditions and cultural values may be affected by National Monument programs and activities.
- Facilitate cooperation and consultation with and among the Tribes by holding semi-annual meetings regarding the management of the National Monument. Representatives and members of all affected Tribes shall be encouraged to participate in these Tribal and agency working groups.
- Ensure the opportunity for government-to-government consultation with each Tribe regarding archaeological research, interpretive programs, and resource management for the National Monument.
- Develop Cooperative Agreements and MOUs with the Tribes to establish relationships and protocols for management of cultural and other resources within the National Monument.
- Assist the ACBCI in its efforts to develop and promote its role as a conduit in encouraging Cahuilla involvement with the National Monument and the sharing of information and resources between the Tribes.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources – Hang Gliding**

Launches of hang gliders, paragliders, ultralights, and similar aircraft from and landing on BLM and National Forest lands within and adjacent to essential Peninsular Ranges bighorn sheep habitat in the National Monument, including Vista Point, would not be allowed.

- Identification of appropriate launching and landing sites outside Peninsular Ranges bighorn sheep habitat and dissemination of information about these sites would occur in coordination with hang gliding and other applicable associations.
- BLM and Forest Service would identify Federal lands outside Peninsular Ranges bighorn sheep habitat where these activities would be inappropriate.
- Launching and landing of aircraft, including helicopters, hang gliders, hot air balloons, parasails, and parachutes, is prohibited in wilderness.

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**PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources – Recreational Paintball**

The discharge of gas and air-propelled weapons and simulated weapons (including paintball and paintball-like weapons) would not be allowed within the National Monument.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources – Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail (PCT)**

The PCT would be managed according to the existing comprehensive management plan (USDA 1982), and a 500-foot-wide management corridor around the PCT would be established. Management activities affecting Federal lands within the corridor, including actions relating to forest health, water quality, wildlife habitat, trail maintenance, and trail construction or reconstruction, would be analyzed for effects on the PCT, and BLM and Forest Service would coordinate with the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) and other stakeholders to ensure recreational values are considered. The MOU between BLM, Forest Service, and the PCTA would be revised as appropriate to reflect this action. The coordination requirement would not be implemented until the MOU has been revised

**PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources - Recreational Shooting**

No recreational shooting, except for hunting, would be allowed on Federal lands within the National Monument. Hunting would continue to be permitted according to CDFG regulations.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources – Pets - Within Essential Bighorn Sheep Habitat**

Pets would be allowed in designated areas only and must be on a leash (maximum length of 10 feet). Owners would be required to collect and properly dispose of their pet's fecal matter. Designated pet areas will be identified in the comprehensive trails management plan (pending).

**PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources – Pets- Outside Essential Bighorn Sheep Habitat**

Pets would be allowed on all Federal lands with a leash (maximum length of 10 feet). Owners would be required to collect and properly dispose of their pet's fecal matter. Working dogs may be permitted on Federal lands with no leash required, pursuant to an authorization for use of such lands.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources – Feral and Uncontrolled Domestic Animals**

BLM and Forest Service would establish a protocol in cooperation with Riverside County and cities of the Coachella Valley to address feral and uncontrolled domestic animals. Management of pets would be consistent with the pending trails management plan.

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**PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources - Forest Service Adventure Pass**

An Adventure Pass would not be required when parking on National Forest lands within the National Monument, and fees would not be required when parking on BLM lands within the National Monument. This would be a No Action Alternative for the BLM. Potential for a voluntary contribution to a friends group to support the improvement and development of visitor facilities and services would be investigated.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Recreational Resources - Strategic Recreation Plan**

- Within one year of completion of the National Monument Management Plan, BLM and Forest Service would initiate the development of a Strategic Recreation Management Plan. The Strategic Recreation Management Plan would:
- Be consistent with decisions made through the National Monument Management Plan and the pending trails management plan.
- Be consistent with other related plans (e.g., the San Jacinto Ranger District Strategic Mountain Bike Plan, and the ACBCI Trails Management Plan).
- Address the compatibility of all types of recreational uses within the National Monument (including hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, etc.).
- Establish a monitoring program to assess levels of use and to determine the need for altering management to protect and preserve resource values (e.g., changes to dispersed camping use policy by establishing camping zones, examine additional campgrounds at upper and lower elevation, etc.).
- Establish mechanisms for consistency of trail signage, facilities, and maintenance.
- Outline involvement of working partnerships with trail user groups and State and local agencies to ensure efficient trail management opportunities.
- Participate in a long-term working group to discuss emerging trends and opportunities to accommodate use.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Geological Resources – Inventory and Mapping**

The Strategy for inventory and mapping geologic structures in the National Monument would consist of working with partner agencies, Tribes, and volunteers to:

- Inventory and map all of the important geological resources within the National Monument, including the Martinez Mountain Landslide, the Santa Rosa Shear Zone, the San Jacinto Fault Zone, and the 'watermark' and related shoreline features of the ancient Lake Cahuilla.
- Inventory and map all abandoned mines on Federal land within the National Monument.
- Compile all sources of geologic maps and current United States Geologic Service (USGS) mapping projects to support the preparation of a comprehensive geologic map of the National Monument.
- Facilitate efforts to map the geology in the southerly and easterly portions of the National Monument.
- Develop a 3<sup>rd</sup> order soil survey for non-mapped portions of the National Monument within two years of completion of the National Monument Management Plan



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**PROPOSED PLAN: Geological Resources – Outreach and Interpretation**

The outreach and interpretation Strategy for geological resources would include working with partner agencies, Tribes, and volunteers to:

- Develop interpretation such as guided walks using geologic features in the National Monument and include both general geologic processes, (e.g. erosion, mountain building, and earthquake faulting) and specific geologic features (e.g. Martinez Mountain Landslide, ancient Lake Cahuilla features, and the San Jacinto Fault Zones).
- Work with volunteers to prepare geologic road guides for the Highway 74 and 111 corridors, focusing on the geology and geologic history of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, with emphasis on geologic features visible at specific, safe road turnouts. These road guides would be similar to other published road guides such as the Geologic Road Guide to Northern California.
- Establish geologic points of interest within and adjacent to the National Monument by using interpretive signs or plaques describing the geologic feature or process visible at that point. Coordinate with the Caltrans for placement of signs off highways and rest stops. For example, an interpretive sign could be placed at the I-10 rest area at Whitewater, describing the significant elevation difference between the prominent uplifted slopes of Mt. San Jacinto and the downdropped Coachella Valley/Salton Trough. Information could also be provided concerning the tectonic origin of the mountain range and the basin and the San Andreas Fault Zone in the region.
- Prepare a pamphlet and/or guide describing the mining history and mineral resources of the National Monument, which
- Emphasizes that mineral development is no longer allowed on public lands within the National Monument.
- Includes rules and regulations concerning the collection of rocks and minerals within the National Monument.
- Addresses safety issues concerning abandoned mined lands in the National Monument.
- Develop partnerships and research agreements with USGS, academic departments, and other applicable entities to:
- Encourage geologic research in the National Monument.
- Provide opportunities for student internships to prepare interpretive signs and pamphlets, establish representative rock mineral collections and perform research on the unique geologic features within the National Monument such as the Martinez Mountain Landslide, the Santa Rosa Shear Zone, and ancient Lake Cahuilla features.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Geological Resources – Protection and Preservation**

The Strategy for protecting and preserving geologic structures in the National Monument would:

- Restrict the collecting of rocks and minerals within the “tufa” and “coral reef formations” located along the ‘watermark’ of the ancient Lake Cahuilla. These areas should be monitored periodically so as to confirm that the tufa and reef formations are not being disturbed or removed.

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**PROPOSED PLAN: Educational Resources – Public Information**

The public information Strategy would consist of a community- and partner-based approach and would include the following actions:

- Provide the public with information on visitation, allowable use, recreation, and events in the National Monument across jurisdictional boundaries (enhance the website, brochures, video, etc.).
- Educate the public about the vision and mission of the National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) and the National Monument and Forest Service Special Areas.
- Contribute to the development of a National Monument map of trails and take a major role in sales and/or distribution.
- Use informational tools (“Leave No Trace,” etc.) to minimize resource damage to areas of visitor use and/or areas with sensitive resources.
- Provide specific messages about how each recreational user group can prevent resource damage.
- Emphasize the need for visitors to be aware of and respect safety and the private property within and adjacent to National Monument lands.
- Promote the recognition of the National Monument and facilitate the use of the National Monument logo among partner agencies.
- Encourage use of existing information and facilities within the National Monument (Cahuilla Tewanet, Chamber of Commerce centers, Sawmill Trailhead, etc.)

**PROPOSED PLAN: Educational Resources – Signage**

- Enhance communication through regulatory, informative and interpretive signs.
- Install entry signs and interpretive/orientation panels (highway, trail, information centers, etc.).
- Use the National Monument logo as an essential element in design and development.
- Work with partner agencies, Tribes, and jurisdictions to provide input in the development of signs on non-Federal lands.
- Install signs beside trails designating uses allowed, interpretive messages and hazards.

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- Provide the public with programs/field trips/outreach/exhibitions.
- Design a traveling exhibit to be used both on-site at the Visitor Center and at community events.
- Contribute to community-sponsored events and work with schools and museums.
- Develop National Monument Visitor Center exhibitions.
- Develop volunteer programs and partnerships.
- Establish guidelines for educational groups for their visit to the National Monument.
- Encourage appropriate use/visitation by individuals and groups based on the availability of facilities and staff and on safe trail conditions.
- Consider opportunities, where appropriate, for contracting with private sector businesses, nonprofit organizations, and academic, State, and local agencies to develop outreach materials and messages.
- Coordinate with partners in seeking cost share programs, in-kind contributions, and fee-for-service systems to support specific interpretation projects.
- Seek partnerships with Tribes, agencies, organizations, and volunteers to accomplish the above.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Management of Scientific Resources**

- Maintain current coverage of resources on GIS layers to assist with research and management.
- Encourage research that promotes the understanding and increased knowledge of the National Monument resources, so long as proposed research is consistent with the Objectives, Land Health Standards, and Standards and Guidelines for the area of interest.
- Develop a combined BLM and Forest Service permit system to process and approve permits for research on BLM and National Forest lands within the National Monument. Where applicable, research may be incorporated with interpretive programs occurring within the National Monument. All applications for research within the National Monument would be addressed and reviewed by the National Monument Manager and approval or denial of a permit application by the National Monument Manager would be based on compliance with the Objectives, Land Health Standards, and Standards and Guidelines for the area of interest.
- Post a listing of current research within the National Monument on the National Monument webpage with a link to relevant research information.
- Facilitate the transfer of research information to the public through periodic science forums.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Management of Visitation, Facilities, and Uses – Access**

Work with County, city, and private entities to secure legal access across non-Federal land through key entry points, land where trails cross, etc. through: (1) easements, (2) acquisitions (see Section 2.B.10. of this chapter), and (3) agreements and MOUs with cities.

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**PROPOSED PLAN: Management of Visitation, Facilities, and Uses – Private Property Concerns**

- BLM and Forest Service would engage in public outreach activities designed to keep adjacent landowners and local communities informed of new developments or activities related to the National Monument. A process would be developed to maintain lines of communication with private property owners.
- BLM and Forest Service would strive to build relationships with the surrounding community through numerous approaches, including partnerships and collaborative projects. When possible, the BLM and Forest Service would use existing community resources for the development of outreach or educational materials.
- BLM and Forest Service would engage the surrounding communities in efforts to protect, enhance, and restore the resources of the National Monument through hands-on stewardship such as monitoring, restoration projects and scientific research.
- BLM and Forest Service would identify and use common land management goals as a basis for developing voluntary collaborative projects with adjacent landowners and land users of the National Monument. These projects would be designed to resolve conflicts and promote the protection, restoration and enhancement of resources in the National Monument and on adjacent non-Federal land.

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**PROPOSED PLAN: Management of Visitation, Facilities, and Uses –Facility Development**

- Develop an architectural theme for the National Monument to set the stage for National Monument facilities, signs, outreach materials, etc.
- Address facility development within the National Monument on an as-needed basis. Upon the establishment of a need for a facility, the facility will be planned, located, and constructed, so long as the proposed facility falls within the following parameters:
- Prioritize facility placement in already disturbed areas
- Require the promotion of the understanding and enjoyment of National Monument resources as the goal of any private party ventures and concessionaires
- Furnish new toilet facilities as needed for health, safety, and resource protection
- Identify existing and proposed partner facility locations. Cooperative efforts (including the pursuit of cooperative grants) and joint uses of facilities (e.g., Tramway gas station on Highway 111 at the entrance to the City of Palm Springs) would be encouraged as appropriate.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of existing signs, interpretive sites, and facilities and upgrade as needed.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Management of Visitation, Facilities, and Uses – Visitor Use and Hwy 74**

Complete a MOU between Caltrans, Forest Service and BLM to identify the process for communication, cooperation and consultation regarding activities along Highway 74. Items to address include designing future safe interpretive opportunities, monitoring vehicle use along Highway 74, coordinating outreach regarding safe passage through the National Monument on Highway 74, identifying cooperative grants with local city and county transportation agencies, coordinating grant and funding applications, and collaborating future corridor management plans and Scenic Byway designation.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Management of Visitation, Facilities, and Uses – Monitoring Visitor Use**

Monitor visitor use in the National Monument by using a variety of methods:

- Install counters at the Visitor Center
- Require trip reports for hikers
- Require permits for special uses
- Require use surveys and questionnaires
- Install trail registers and study trail use patterns
- Monitor attendance at programs
- Utilize visitor information gathered at city visitor centers

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**PROPOSED PLAN: Management of Visitation, Facilities, and Uses – Hazards to Facility, Visitor and Public Safety**

BLM and Forest Service will develop a structures map identifying defensible structures to assist in fire and other hazard management. BLM and Forest Service will establish meetings twice a year with Riverside Mounted Police Unit, Desert Sheriffs Search and Rescue and other agencies with public safety responsibility within the National Monument to increase effectiveness with which response to emergencies is coordinated throughout the National Monument. Law enforcement staff will establish meetings at least twice a year to discuss enforcement coordination and emerging enforcement trends throughout the National Monument.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Management of Visitation, Facilities, and Uses - Fire Plan**

Coordinate with Tribes, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), California Department of Forestry (CDF), Riverside County Fire Department, Cathedral City Fire Department, Palm Springs Fire Department, State Parks and community fire safe councils to develop a comprehensive Fire Plan for the National Monument to be initiated upon completion of the National Monument Management Plan consistent with priorities set forth in the National Fire Plan. Items to be addressed include:

- Fire management responsibility, direct protection areas, and coordinated response
- Vegetation management requirements throughout National Monument and a clear fire history throughout the National Monument.
- Established vegetation and species-based needs for fire management throughout the National Monument
- Needed management direction regarding drought-related fuels reduction, fuel breaks, and access for emergency purposes
- Adaptive language that can address emergencies and a changing environment

**PROPOSED PLAN: Water Resources - Surface and Ground Water Resources**

The BLM and Forest Service will coordinate with USGS, Tribes, Riverside County, local water districts, private water companies, and other private water users to enhance current efforts to manage surface and ground water by the following actions:

- Compile known locations of all springs, tinajas, oases, and streams within the National Monument and identify potential pollution sources.
- Inventory groundwater quality, existing water wells, and groundwater recharge areas, and examine the relationship of groundwater supplies to springs and oases within the National Monument.
- Include the above in a GIS database.
- Determine water quality data throughout the National Monument to establish coordinated water quality monitoring and compatible actions in times of drought.
- Establish unified management direction as a result of monitoring.
- Initiate a watershed assessment and Action Plan.

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**PROPOSED PLAN: Acquisition Strategy - Acquisition Criteria**

Establish bi-annual coordination meetings concerning the ongoing acquisition program to identify (1) existing and prospective funding sources, (2) acquisition and partnership opportunities based on the agencies' various priorities, and (3) short-term and long-term actions to ensure that acquisitions are accomplished and funding opportunities pursued.

Adopt the following criteria to supplement existing BLM and Forest Service acquisitions policies:

1. Strategic significance. As noted above, agencies may have different priorities based on their specific missions. Among factors that may be significant to one agency or another are biological resource values such as lambing habitat or water sources for bighorn sheep, right-of-way needs for trails or other access purposes, geological values, and cultural resource values. The CVMSHCP will identify the areas with high biological value and will delineate trail alignments. The National Monument has not been comprehensively surveyed for cultural resources, but there is an existing body of information that can help to assess the likelihood of cultural resources to occur in various areas.
2. Threat level. Areas within the National Monument where there is a threat of development or a potential for a land use conflict are of high priority.
3. Opportunity. Lands sometime become available for acquisition through a Tax Sale Agreement with the County Tax Collector. Other lands may be offered as a donation or sale at below market value if the owner wishes to seek tax credits or tax deductions. Such opportunities enable acquisitions to be made at relatively little cost.
4. Funding availability. Various agencies have access to a number of funding sources that typically have restrictions as to where or for what purposes the funds can be used.

**PROPOSED PLAN: Adaptive Management and Monitoring Program – Implementing the Plan**

- Facilitate the development of a Technical Review Team to include all partners such as Palm Springs Aerial Tramway, California State Parks, Tribal administrators, selected scientists and species experts, and State and Federal technical specialists from the Forest Service and BLM, to implement Strategies resulting from the National Monument Management Plan for management of National Monument resources and continued visitor service. The Technical Review Team will examine survey data and monitoring data as well as scientific research on a regular basis so that future management actions will incorporate this information.
- Develop cooperative agreements with nonprofit organizations and user groups to assist in management.
- Coordinate monitoring of resources within the National Monument with partner agencies and encourage citizen and volunteer organization involvement in monitoring.
- Prioritize monitoring of resources to address resources that are associated with highest levels of threat due to use.